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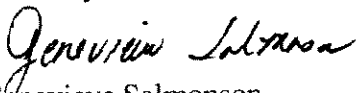
Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the East Oahu Transmission Project

Thank you for the opportunity to review the subject document. We have the following comments.

1. Please delete any reference to voluntary environmental assessment. This project meets the applicable criteria (use of county land and Waikiki Special District) of Chapter 343, HRS. The project also needs discretionary approval from HCDA, PUC and DPP.
2. The purpose of this project is to deal with overload conditions on East Oahu. The majority of the power plants on Oahu are located in West Oahu. Please consider the alternative of building a power plant in East Oahu.
3. Please provide more details about the type of cables that will be used. This information may be useful to evaluate impacts of potentially hazardous materials and EMF.
4. Please make another attempt to interview more cultural practitioners. Please also review the Cultural Impact Assessment for the BRT project for more information.

Should you have any questions, please call Jeyan Thirugnanam at 586-4185.

Sincerely,


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